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WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
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Land Division

Highlight of Past Week

Reducing Potential PCB Exposures in Schools: During the week of October 31, four California school associations transmitted the EPA and CalEPA fact sheet, "Creating Healthy Indoor Environments in California Schools", to all public schools in California. The fact sheet reflects EPA's risk based approach for PCBs in schools and promotes best management practices to reduce potential exposures, including good ventilation, reducing indoor dust, purchasing less toxic cleaning products, replacing older fluorescent light ballasts, and adopting integrated pest management practices. In early 2017, we will participate in school association conferences to encourage actions recommended in the fact sheet. (Cruz 2-3084)

Significant Items for Next Week

Internal to Region 9

Marshall Islands Bans Plastic Bags, Containers, and Styrofoam: On October 18, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) passed a law banning the import of Styrofoam and most plastic products, and creating a container deposit. The law will take effect on February 1, 2017. The RMI EPA is tasked with promulgating regulations to implement and enforce the law. (Scott, 2-3373)

American Samoan Island Powered 100% By Renewable Energy: Tau, one of American Samoa's outer Manua islands, became the first U.S. island to be powered exclusively by solar energy beginning the week of October 24. This is the first step toward powering all of American Samoa's outer islands with renewable energy. The Tau system includes more than 1,400 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels, and 6,000 kilowatt hours of battery storage. We contributed \$70,000 in DERA (Diesel Emissions Reduction Act) funding to this project which replaces diesel generators with new electric generators powered from solar energy. (Wolfram 2-3027)

Fallon Training Complex Tribal Concerns: At the Tribal-EPA Conference, the Yomba Tribe (central Nevada) informed NDEP about their concerns regarding expansion of the US Navy Fallon Training Complex bombing range facility, including potential impact to culturally significant sites, property damage from sonic booms, unexploded ordnances, and radiation. The tribe plans to engage the lead agencies, Bureau of Land Management and the US Navy, in the consultation process. (Chin, 2-3797)

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